

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method and apparatus for monitoring a computing device and detecting whether an error condition is present in the computing device. In one aspect, the present invention relates to an apparatus that can be coupled to a controlled computing device, comprising an input stage for receiving signals from the controlled computing device, and a control stage for determining whether an error condition is present in the controlled computing device from the signals and generating an error indicator if it is determined that the error condition is present in the controlled computing device. The present invention facilitates the monitoring of the computing device for error conditions automatically, without the need for ongoing direct maintenance of the computing device by a user. In another aspect, the present invention relates to an apparatus for remotely controlling the computing device.

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